It has been another eventful fall for the Emeritus Academy. Twenty new members from 15 departments across the University were accepted into the Academy, joining over 200 Emeriti faculty who represent a vibrant cohort of scholars. The Fall 2023 class of new members was formally welcomed at the December lecture event.

The Emeritus Academy Lecture Series continues to be a success, giving the Ohio State community and beyond the opportunity to learn about the current research and creative activities of our members. The Fall Lecture Series was attended by 166 guests. This remains a hybrid event with options to attend in-person or virtually via CarmenZoom. As a reminder, there will not be a lecture in January. The Lecture Series will resume on February 7, 2024 at Longaberger Alumni House.

Seventeen small grant proposals were received for the fall program. While budget limitations affect the Academy’s ability to award funding for all submissions, the steering committee, as always, is impressed with the scholarly activities of our members. A call for grant applications for the spring program will be sent in April 2024.

The Emeritus Academy is most grateful to Jacqueline Honeck, Program Coordinator, Office of Academic Affairs, for the excellent assistance in all of our activities for this year and previous years.

Philip T.K. Daniel
Professor Emeritus
Department of Education Studies
College of Education and Human Ecology
Past Chair, Emeritus Academy
Angela Dean, Professor Emerita, Department of Statistics

One of my major undertakings this year was serving as Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the International Conference on Design and Analysis of Experiments (ICODOE 2022), which was held at the University of Memphis, May 2023, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The techniques of design and analysis of experiments are applied in almost in every discipline, and we were able to attract speakers to highlight application areas as diverse as artificial intelligence, pharmaceutical drug development, clinical trials, health economics, food delivery, industrial computer experiments, reduction of uncertainty in nuclear data, and analysis of “big data”. We had postponed the conference from 2022 due to on-going Covid concerns, and it was wonderful to be able to hold an in-person meeting at last, with 108 participants from both academia and industry, representing 11 different countries as well as 25 states in the USA. We were also successful in attracting a large number of talented young new researchers and researchers from underrepresented groups, who will form the next generation of researchers in the field.

Bebe Miller, Faculty Emerita, Department of Dance

This autumn I spent three weeks at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, NH, mid-October to early November. I was there to continue my research archiving choreographic methodologies. My curiosity is aimed toward the contexts that have evolved with our dance making practice, and how those kinetics might serve in the complicated reckoning—body, culture, community—that is defining the present-day. The MacDowell residency was a first step toward a new book project that delves into these questions. While there I brought in a range of materials – interviews, readings, video of my own repertory and rehearsal documentation –to set up a rhythm of dancing-while-writing and writing-while-dancing. My curiosity about the how and why of dance relates to how the signifiers of structure and meaning—written as well as choreographic syntax—evolve in conjunction with its times. With this residency, sharing time with a community of artists and writers outside my discipline as well as encountering what my body used to believe as true, I’ve started down a delicious path of interdisciplinary exploration. Big thanks to MacDowell and its community of artists and friends!
Bruce Kimball, Professor Emeritus, Department of Educational Studies

Over the past year, I have been writing and speaking on the finances of higher education, following the publication of my book *Wealth, Cost & Price in American Higher Education: A Brief History*, co-authored with my former Ohio State PhD advisee, Sarah Iler, and published in January.

These have included op-ed pieces in major newspapers, a few essays in the digital *Inside Higher Education*

https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2023/03/02/it%E2%80%99s-time-wealthy-colleges-share-wealth-opinion and *Minding the Campus*.


During November, we were interviewed by *U.S. News & World Report* on the nature of endowments in higher education and by the *Times Educational Supplement* in the U.K. regarding Donald Trump’s recent proposal to found a national university and fund it by taxing the endowments of wealthy private universities.

Salvador García Casteñeda, Professor Emeritus, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Over the past year I have published two items. The first is a critical study that serves as an introduction to *El capitán negrero o Historia de un viaje a la trata de esclavos*, written by an unnamed "marino mercante" originally published in 1879, newly published in 2023 (Santander, Centro de Estudios Montañeses). My study comprises pages 13-90. I have attached a PDF of the title pages.


Robert DiSilvestro, Professor Emeritus, Department of Human Sciences

Dr. Robert DiSilvestro, Emeritus Professor of Human Nutrition, received an OSU commercialization Accelerator Award research grant titled: A Medical Nutrition Supplement for Cystic Fibrosis.
Bhagwan Satiani, Professor Emeritus, Department of Surgery

Went on my first trip to Sri Lanka at the invitation of the Sri Lanka Surgical Congress 2023, organized by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the SAARC Surgical Care Society. I had two interesting topics (“Role of duplex ultrasound in the diagnosis of carotid disease” and “Calf & Tibial Vein acute DVT”) to present to a sub-group of Vascular Surgeons on the September 15th in Colombo, the capital.

Beautiful country!

Had an interesting publication this past quarter. This is related to all professions and in leadership positions but discussed primarily in the context of academic pursuits.


https://vascularspecialistonline.com/the-golden-larva-syndrome-is-it-real/
Dr. Ballengee Morris, Professor Emeritus of Arts Administration, Education, and Policy, focuses on self-determination, identity, Indigenous arts, visual culture, and arts-based research. She's been involved in Ohio Earthworks advocacy since 1996 and serves on the Ohio World Heritage Steering Committee. Dr. Ballengee Morris is active in Healing Hearts of Central Ohio as the newsletter editor and a certified visitor at Ross Heart Hospital, offering advice. She also sits on advisory committees for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Since retiring last September, she has published:


Podcast: 2023 Columbus Museum of Art’s Wendy Redstar exhibition.
Duane W. Roller, Professor Emeritus, Department of Classics

Duane W. Roller, Classics, appeared on the History Channel in an interview about Cleopatra, and on Irish Public Television in one about her daughter, Cleopatra Selene, Queen of Mauretania. His *The Geographical Guide of Ptolemy of Alexandria: An Analysis* has been published by Routledge, a discussion of the last major work on geography from classical antiquity. He is under contract to Brill in the Netherlands for a translation and analysis of the treatise of Nearchos, who was the commander of the naval expedition that Alexander the Great sent from the mouth of the Indus River to the Persian Gulf, and also under contract to Oxford University Press for a translation and commentary of Pausanias’ *Description of Greece*, written in the second century AD and the only surviving example of a historical guidebook from antiquity. He is currently completing a text and translation of a portion of the historical author of the first century BC, Diodoros of Sicily, for Cambridge University Press.

Fabian Tan, Professor Emeritus of Civil, Environmental and Geodetic Engineering, Columbus Campus

A *Mathematical Modeling of Evaluating China’s Construction Safety for Occupational Accident Analysis*

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This year, Academy professor Eddie Herdendorf, with the help of a grant from the Emeritus Academy, was able to advance a long contemplated project to write a book on the Lake Erie Islands, Reefs, and Shoals: Geology, Natural History, and Cultural Development. The book will cover some 28 bedrock islands and 49 reefs and shoals in the American and Canadian waters of the lake.

This summer, work on the project included a circumnavigation of Pelee Island, Ontario, the lake's largest island, to document coastal features and perform a side-scan sonar survey of the lake floor adjacent to the island. A fascinating result of the study was verification of glacial megagrooves along the island's north shore limestone bluffs and the trace of glacial grooves in the rocky offshore bottom in sonar images.

On Kelleys Island, Ohio's largest island in the lake, of particular interest was the investigation of wave-cut features on bedrock outcrops that indicate at least a portion of the island projected above the surface of Lake Lundy, the last and lowest in a series of glacial lakes that once occupied the Erie Basin. The book is planned for completion early next year.
Jane Hathaway, Professor Emerita, Department of History

Jane Hathaway (History) is completing a collection of editions and translations of, plus commentary on, twenty-six documents from the Cairo Geniza, a trove of materials generated by Cairo’s Jewish community from the 10th through the late 19th century C.E. While most scholarship on the Geniza focuses on the medieval corpus, hers targets the little-studied material from the period (1517-1882) when Egypt was a province of the Ottoman Empire. Her documents are composed in Arabic or Ottoman Turkish, all in Arabic script. Their topics include inheritance disputes, divorce, fights over rental properties, commercial shipments, appeals to the Ottoman sultan, even mystical poetry. Three concern Egypt’s Mediterranean port of Damietta (pictured), whose customs revenues were supervised by Jewish merchants for much of the Ottoman period. The collection will be published by Cambridge Semitic Languages and Cultures, an open-access series.


Cornelis de Bruijn (1652-1727), View of the harbor of Damietta, ca. 1700
Joe Donnermeyer, Professor Emeritus, School of Environment and Natural Resources

Lots of travel in the final one-third of 2023. Attended the European Society of Criminology meetings in Florence, Italy from September 6-9. Presented a paper (co-authored with Walter DeKeseredy, West Virginia University) titled “The Status of Rural Crime and Criminal Justice Studies in North America.” Also, I was a member of a roundtable on “The Future of Rural Crime Studies: An International Perspective.”

Contributors in rural criminology sessions at ESC. Kneeling is Joe Donnermeyer and standing, fourth from left, is his co-author, Walter DeKeseredy. Others in the picture are from Ireland, Great Britain, New Zealand, Poland and Slovenia.

Traveling east to Ljubljana, Slovenia, I was a plenary speaker at the 14th Biennial International Conference of Criminal Justice and Crime in Central and Eastern Europe on September 12-14. This conference is sponsored by the criminal justice faculty of the University of Maribor. The theme of the 14 Biennial Conference was “The United National Sustainable Development Goals – Rural and Urban Safety and Security Perspectives.” My presentation was titled “The Role of Community in Understanding Safety and Security Anywhere in the World.” I also participated in a Roundtable on Rural Criminology.
Roundtable participants at the Slovenian conference. I am the second person from the right.

The remainder of 2023 includes presentations at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Philadelphia (November 15-19) and a “Rural Crime, Justice and Disaster Symposium” at the University of New England, New South Wales, Australia on November 29.
I was invited to give the feature presentation at the International Lilac symposium at the Shingu Botanic Garden in Seoul, South Korea on October 17, 2023 by Director Jeong Jeon and Research Manager HeeSun Shin. I presented a talk on “Syringa (Lilac) history, Originators, and USA Public Lilac Collections,” and participated in a panel discussion with leading Directors of various Korean Arboretums and Botanical Gardens. My hosts showed me their large lilac collection and research greenhouse and toured me all over Seoul and its many restaurants. They were typical of a wonderful and gracious people. I highly recommend a visit to see the lilacs and gardens there in early May, perhaps in conjunction with a visit to the lilacs in Sapporo, Japan.
Mary Jo Fresch, Professor Emerita, Department of Education and Human Ecology

In August, I was invited to write a blog, *Building Strong Readers: Practical Tips for Applying the Science of Reading* for a publisher I consult with, VISTA Higher Learning. In September I presented a live webinar, as an extension of the blog article to over 400 educators.

On November 18 and 19 I will present at my professional organization’s conference, National Council of Teachers of English. Sessions were peer reviewed. My first session is presented with my co-author and is related to the book I published through that organization - *Empowering Students’ Knowledge of Vocabulary: Learning How Language Works, Grades 3–5*. The second session is presented with my two co-authors of two books we published with Scholastic: *The Art and Science of Reading: Using Partner Poems to Teach the Five Pillars of Literacy*. 
I am a member of the Ohio State University Retiree Association conference committee. The conference was September 20 at the Fawcett Center. Besides meeting all year to plan the conference, my job was to invite and then introduce Senior Vice President of the Office of Student Life, Dr. Melissa Shivers as the keynote speaker.

I am a committee member of Team 4 The Cure, a fundraising group for The James Cancer Hospital. I oversaw the silent auction for our biggest event, a September wine tasting. The event raised $135,000. This year we are donating $150,000 to the James for breast, lung, and prostate cancers. Over the seven years this committee has been having various event we have raised over $940,000 for cancer research.
Michelle Herman, Professor Emeritus, Department of English (Creative Writing)

New essays in the Michigan Quarterly Review and Epiphany magazine, both of which will be included in my forthcoming (2025) collection, Animal Behavior. I continue to write a weekly advice column for Slate, and my first big post-retirement project was a novel for children—an unexpected development!—which has just gone out on submission. Watch this space (she said hopefully) for news of its appearance. The novel, All the Time in the World, is the story of a friendship between Charlotte, an 11-year-old girl, left behind by her lifelong best friend (who’s growing up faster than she is) and her neighbor, Maud, a woman in her 80s, whose gift of an old-school wristwatch gives Charlotte the power to travel through time—but not in the manner of “traditional” time travel, to centuries past or to the far future. This magical timepiece is so sensitive to the questions Charlotte asks herself as she tries to make sense of the world around her, it responds by sending her spinning through years or decades to deposit her in the lives of those she knows and loves—long before she’s met them in her own time.

I am also continuing my rather late-in-life “discovery” of dance (as chronicled in The Sun and American Scholar, among other publications) and this fall participated in the making of a new contemporary performance project in Florence, Italy.
I am writing a book about the *Peopling of Polynesia*. Who were these people? Where did they come from? When? How? I’ve lived in Australia for about 11 years thanks to 3 Fulbrights and several sabbaticals, taught at the University of Papua New Guinea for a year and traveled widely throughout Melanesia, Polynesia, and Island Southeast Asia. I spent February 2023 in Guam (Mariana Islands, Micronesia) lecturing as NSF EPSCoR Visiting Scholar (Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) and researching Micronesia/Polynesia connections. The most memorable take home message from Guam is that there are virtually no birds—not in the jungle, not at the seashore, or in the villages or urban areas. The absence of bird song is deafening. The most visible birds were chickens. Depredations of the Brown Tree Snake, *Boiga irregularis*, (an aggressive, arboreal, mildly venomous species) has decimated Guam’s native avifauna. This exotic species was accidentally introduced to Guam at end of WWII in shipments of war materials from New Guinea. The Guam rail, *Hypotaenidia owstoni*, (a nearly flightless, omnivorous, ground-nesting species) is the national bird of Guam, and it is extinct in the wild. I photographed it in the captive breeding program of Guam’s Department of Aquatics and Wildlife. Of the island’s 25 resident bird species, 22, including 17 of 18 native species, are either extinct or rare on Guam due to predation by the Brown Tree Snake. It is unlikely that the snake can ever be eradicated from Guam.

I have one more thing to accomplish before I begin searching for a publisher. I must get to Easter Island (*Rapa Nui*) to experience this most isolated place and photograph the moai (stone statues) for myself. Stay tuned. Attached figure caption. Guam Rail with captive breeding pens in the background. Only about 300 individuals exist in captivity. (Tim Berra for scale).
William L. Heward, Professor Emeritus, College of Education and Human Ecology

Chinese, French, and Romanian translations of Applied Behavior Analysis, Third Edition (Pearson, 2020) have been published since June of this year. This book is co-authored with OSU special education faculty colleagues John O. Cooper and Timothy E. Heron. First published in 1980, Applied Behavior Analysis is the most frequently cited and widely adopted textbook in behavior analysis.

During that same time, translations of Let’s Make a Contract: A Positive Way to Change Your Child’s Behavior (The Collective Book Studio, 2022) was published in four new languages. Co-authored with my wife, Jill Dardig (Professor Emerita, Ohio Dominican University), Let’s Make a Contract uses children’s stories to tell how four diverse families learn to use behavior contracts to solve problems, improve family harmony, and achieve personal goals. This book is now available in 10 languages with several more translations in progress. For more information see https://contractingwithkids.com.

Cover of Huaxia Publishing House’s Chinese translation of Cooper, Heron, and Heward’s text Applied Behavior Analysis

Cover images of translations of Dardig and Heward’s Let’s Make a Contract
Emeritus Academy Important Dates for 2024

- March 1, 2024: Spring Membership Applications deadline
- March 4, 2024: Nominations (including self-nomination) to be a Steering Committee Member
- April 1, 2024: Five-Year Membership Renewal (2024-2029) deadline
- April 1, 2024: Nominations for 2024-2025 Emeritus Academy Lecture Proposals
- April 26, 2024: Newsletter submissions due
- May 3, 2024: Spring Semester Grant Applications deadline

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February 7, 2024: Ronald Solomon, Mathematics, “Sporadic Simple Groups and the OSU Math Department.”

March 6, 2024: Mark L. DeBard, Clinical Emergency Medicine, “Medical School Admissions: A Look Behind the Curtain.”

April 3, 2024: Joseph Donnermeyer, Environmental and Natural Sciences, “Who are the Amish and Why are they Growing so Fast?”

May 1, 2024: Thomas Wickizer, Health Services Management and Policy, “The American Fentanyl Epidemic: Are We Doing Enough to Reduce the Death Rate?”